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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
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SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION :
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FOR: RECOVERY OF NATURAL NANOCLUSTERS AND
THE NANOCLUSTERS ISOLATED THEREBY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-64 and add the following new claims:

65. (New) An isolated naturally occurring nanocluster.
66. (New) The isolated naturally occurring nanocluster of claim 65, wherein the nanocluster is in an aqueous solution.
67. (New) The isolated naturally occurring nanocluster of claim 65, comprising one or more elements selected from the group consisting of Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs, Fr, Be, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Ra, Sc, Y, Ti, Zr, Hf, V, Nb, Ta, Cu, Cr, Mn, Fe, Ni, Zn, Mo, W, Tc, Re, Co, Cd, Hg, B, Al, Ga, In, Tl, Si, Ge, Sn, Pb, As, Sb, Bi, Te, Th, U, C, N, P, O, S, Se, F, Cl, Br, I, At, La,

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